

January 12, 2021

As of yesterday's report, Greenwood County had 28 additional confirmed cases in the county for a total of 4,660 cases confirmed since 21 March. (The low case count today is to an internal system issue at DHEC. They will update the numbers as soon as they are able to correct the issue.) Remember this is only those which have been confirmed and is for those who were tested a minimum of two days ago. This means there are others who have been tested and are in quarantine awaiting results. Additionally, an individual can be asymptomatic, (contagious but shows no symptoms), and may choose not to be tested.

The first 3,929 cases in Greenwood County were reported over 15 days ago, so there are 3,929 individuals who should have recovered from the virus. Additionally, Greenwood County has had 96 confirmed deaths due to the virus. This brings Greenwood County's remaining estimated total of active confirmed cases to 635. DHEC does not track recovered individuals by county, so this number is an estimate based on the following: Most individuals recover from the virus within this time frame.

From 27 December until 9 January (2 weeks), Greenwood has had 696 confirmed cases out of a population of 70,811. This equates to an incident rate of 982.9 per 100,000 individuals which is rated as $\underline{\text{high}}$ by SCDHEC. (Low = 50 or less; Medium = 51 - 200; High = 201 or more)

SCDHEC reported an additional 2,644 new confirmed cases in the state for a total of 326,588. Also, they reported 14 new confirmed deaths in the state for a total of 5,329. Please click this <u>link</u> to see the deaths by county. (**The low case count today is to an internal system issue at DHEC. They will update the numbers as soon as they are able to correct the issue.) For additional information on underlying conditions or other information in this section, please call DHEC at 1-855- 472- 3432. SCDHEC has begun providing a number of probable cases and deaths. I will only be providing the confirmed numbers. Once a probable case or death is confirmed, they will add it to their confirmed total and I will report it.**

SCDHEC reported 9,118 of 11,186 inpatient beds are in use for an 81.5% usage rate statewide. Of the 9,118 beds in use, 2,387 are occupied by patients who either have tested positive or are under investigation for COVID-19. This is 26.2% of the beds in use.

As of 10 January, Greenwood County has 187 of 206 hospital beds in use which is 90.8% utilization rate. As of 10 January, Self Regional reported 63 COVID-19 patients with 13 in ICU. Of these, 12 patients are on ventilation.

SCDHEC has created a dashboard which tracks the COVID-19 cases in K-12 schools within SC. Please click this <u>link</u> to see the numbers of reported cases by school.

SCDHEC is finding an increased rate of individuals who do not have symptoms and don't know they are infectious as they have expanded testing. This increases the risk of spreading the virus. Over the past couple of weeks, Greenwood County has seen the number of cases of COVID-19 increase. It is important we slow the spread of the virus by **keeping 6 feet apart, washing our hands, avoiding large gatherings, remaining home when sick** and wearing face coverings when in public facilities which do not allow for social distancing.

To view additional state level data see DHEC's COVID-19 webpage.

To view additional county level data see <u>DHEC's SC County-level data for COVID-19</u>.

The following are the dates and locations for COVID-19 mobile test sites in Greenwood County. Self Regional events will be from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

13 January: 1310 Cambridge Avenue East, Greenwood, Carolina Health Centers, American Legion; 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

14 January: 303 Alexander Avenue East, Greenwood, Self Regional

15 January: 205 Church Street North, Ninety Six, Self Regional, First Baptist Church: 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

21 January: 303 Alexander Avenue East, Greenwood, Self Regional 25 January: 303 Alexander Avenue East, Greenwood, Self Regional 28 January: 303 Alexander Avenue East, Greenwood, Self Regional

30 January: 619 HWY 246 North, Greenwood, Carolina Health Centers, Mt. Zion Baptist Church; 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Vaccinations: Self Regional has begun vaccinating their staff. Additionally, first responders in Greenwood County have begun receiving the vaccine. This is phase 1a of a multi-phase rollout of the vaccine. Below is a link to the 1a guidance from SCDHEC

https://scdhec.gov/sites/default/files/Library/CR-012873.pdf

No additional information has been provided for the follow on phases. Once this occurs, we will post the information here as well as on our website and social media sites.

Below are additional links to review information about mRNA vaccines. (Newest on top)

https://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubOfGreenwood/videos/404478987420866/?__so__echannel_tab&_rv_eall_videos_card

Vaccine presentation begins at the 11:18 mark.

https://www.promegaconnections.com/mrna-vaccines-for-covid-19-the-promise-and-pitfalls/

For current vaccine information, visit scdhec.gov/vaxfacts